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(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army: As before to SPEYER R5180 - MICHELFELD R7670 - HILSBACH R8166 - LAUFFEN S0353 (all to Seventh Army).

Boundary between Second British and First Canadian Armies: As before to HEUMEN E6953 thence GROESBEEK E7555 - road to E7751 - CR E8250 - CR E8449 - CLEVE E8955 - CR E9156 - E9256 - E9455 - CR E9457 - KALFIACH Canal vicinity E9658 - line of canal to RHINE River E9659 - RHINE River to A0352 (all to First Cdn Army) - CR A0552 - RJ A0552 - CR A0553 - CR A0554 - RJ A0654 (all to Second Army) - BIENEN A0556 - MILLINGEN A0757 - CR A0757 - ANHOLT A0961 - GENDRINGEN A0664 - TERBORG A0570 - CR A0571 - RJ A0671 - CR A0672 - RJ A0673 - ZELHEM A0479 - RJ A0882 - RUURLO A1188 - BORCULO A1691 - NEEDE A2393 - WEGDAM V2500 - DELDEN V3007 (all to First Cdn Army) - HENGEL V3507 - NORDHORN V5426 - LINGEN V7236 - HASELUNNE V8353 - BREMEN W7399 - HAMBURG S5053 (all to Second Army).

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: M8303 - N0400 - N6503 - S7895 - S9380.

Boundary between XXI and XV Corps: M7528 - M9227 - N4754 - O1070 - O2070.

Boundary between VIII US Corps and XII US Corps: NIEDERAULA H3146 - HEIM BOLDSHAUSEN H5653 - MARKSUHL H7359 - SATTELSTADT H9264 - GOTHA J0864 - ERFURT J3169 - WEIMAR J5270 - UMPFERSTEDT J5870 (all to VIII Corps) - JEMA J7065 - EISENBERG J9271 - LOITSCHLUTZ K0973 - ALTENBURG K2975 - LUNZENAU K5174 - MITTWEIDA K6378 (all to XII Corps) - NOSSEN K8987 (to VIII Corps) - DRESDEN F2090 (to XII Corps).

Boundary between VIII US Corps and XX US Corps: SPANGENBERG H3581 - OBERHON E5889 - MUHLHAUSEN H9093 - ALLMENHAUSEN J0997 - BICHEL J3899 - BAD BIBRA J6896 - LAUCHA J7598 - WEISSENFELS J9597 - KNAUTNAUNDORF E1604 - GRIMMA E4804 - OSCHATZ E7413 - STREHLA E8319 (all to VIII Corps).

Boundary between VIII British Corps and XII British Corps: As before to W1913 (to XII Corps) - thence KLOSTER W2115 (to VIII Corps) - CR W3219 - road and railroad crossing W3823 (both to XII Corps) - RJ W4324 - GR. DIECK River W4423 - line of river to W6335 - road and railroad crossing W8037 - line of railroad to road and railroad crossing W9244 (all to VIII Corps) - LEESERINGEN W9645 (to XII Corps).

Boundary between XII British Corps and XXX British Corps: LANGENACKER V9425 - PLAGGENSCHALE W0332 - ANKUM W0938 (all to XII Corps) - DRUCHHORN W1042 - DINKLAGE W2641 - LOHNE W3352 - RUSSEN W5064 (all to XXX Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (022400B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 14th French Division. The 3d Infantry relieved those units of the 9th Colonial Division (II Fr Corps) which were south of STRASSBOURG W0198.

II French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. Made an assault crossing of the RHINE River in the vicinity of LEIMERSHEIM R2458. 2d Moroccan and 3d Algerian Divisions. Continued to cross into the bridgehead area. 2d Moroccan Division attacked south and captured LINKENHEIM R4958, HOCHSTETTEN R4960 and LIEDOLSHEIM R4962. 3d Algerian Division advanced two and one-half miles and captured UNTEROWISHEIM R6860, ZEUTERN R6864 and OERSTRINGEN R7169.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced two miles and captured WIESLOCH R7077.



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10th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" operated in front of the II French Corps bridgehead. Captured UBSTADT R6562 and STETTfeld R6665. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" advanced up to twelve miles on a twenty-three mile front. Captured BAIERTAL R7278 and BAIZFELD R7675 against moderate resistance. Advance units reached the NECKAR River in the vicinity of S0867. Front line change: BAIERTAL R7278 - BALZFELD R7675 - R8277 - S0867 - R9878 - S0982 - JAGST River at S1880. 63d Division. Mopped up behind the advance of Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" 10th Armored Division.

XXI Corps. 12th Armored Division. (With 232d Inf atchd). Gained up to fourteen miles on a twenty-mile front against moderate resistance. Other units of the division advanced five miles on a five-mile front along the MAIN River to the vicinity of N1631. Another column of the division attacked north and reached N4344. Front line change: S4195 - S4694 - N6503 - N6814 - N6619 and R4344 and N1928 - N1631 - N1535 - N0441. 42d Division. The 232d Infantry was attached to the 12th Armored Division. Captured WERTHEIM N2830. 4th Division. Continued to mop up behind the 12th Armored Division. 63d Division. Was relieved from attachment to XXI Corps and was attached to VI Corps.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Advanced twelve miles on a five-mile front through the SPESSART Woods N2050 against moderate resistance. Captured FURSTLICH N2451, LICHTENAU N2351 and ROTHENBUCH N1953 and reached RODENBACH N3353 and NEUHUTTEN N2057. Front line change: N2046 - N2551 - RODENBACH N3353. 14th Armored Division. Passed through the 3d Division and advanced five miles and reached LOHR N3156 and PARTENSTEIN N2761. 45th Division. By-passed ASCHAFFENBURG N0154. Attacked north through HAIBACH GRUMMORSBACH N0552 and gained twelve miles on a six and one-half mile front. Front line change: HARICHSTHAL N1963 - high ground N1069. 44th Division. Advanced four miles from the area M9364 on a four-mile front over difficult terrain against moderate opposition from infantry weapons.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (022400B). XVI Corps. 35th Division. Advanced to the line of the ZWEIG Canal and the DORTMUND-EMS Canal within the division zone. Front line change: Line of DORTMUND-EMS Canal and ZWEIG Canal from A5928 to A6831. 75th Division. Gained four miles and reached the line of the DORTMUND-EMS Canal from the vicinity of A6831 to A7442.

XIX Corps. 15th Cavalry Group. Advanced to the north bank of the LIPPE River between A7542 to the vicinity of HAMM B0543. 83d Division. Protected the corps right flank and advanced to the north bank of the LIPPE River and extended from the vicinity of HAMM B0543 to the vicinity of LIPPSTADT B4242. 8th Armored Division. Attacked east and advanced sixteen miles to the vicinity of B6750 where moderate enemy resistance was met. Front line change: B6750. 2d Armored Division. (With 119th and 377th Inf Regts atchd). Gained eleven miles on a six-mile front. Combat Command "B" moved northeast from the vicinity of LIPPSTADT B4242 and reached the village in the vicinity of B6559 and the northeast edge of the woods in the vicinity of B7570. Combat Command "A" reached OERLINGHSN B6474. Light resistance was encountered from infantry weapons. Front line change: B6559 - B7570 - B7070 - B6872 - OERLINGHSN B6474 - B6277. 95th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the corps zone. The 377th Regiment was attached to the 2d Armored Division.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Advanced up to twenty-four miles on a sixteen-mile front against light resistance. TELGTE B0376 was captured. Combat Command "R" cut the autobahn in the vicinity of B6588. Front line change: B4782 - B6588 - B5389 - B3788 - B2988 - B1887 - TELGTE B0376. 17th Airborne Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Continued fighting in MUNSTER A9273 against moderate resistance. Two-thirds of the town had been captured. 84th Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of LEMBECK A4951. The 335th Regimental Combat Team moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of A8362.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII Corps. The 507th Parachute Regiment was relieved from attachment and reverted to command of the 17th Airborne Division (XIX Corps). 6th Airborne Division. 5th Parachute Brigade passed through the 6th Parachute Brigade and advanced through NATRUP W1301 to the high ground in the vicinity of W1602 and W1503. HASBERGEN W1404 was captured. Front line change: High ground W1503 - HASBERGEN W1404. 11th Armored Division. Advanced eleven miles and crossed

the ZWEIGKAN OSNABRUCK Canal in the vicinity of W1812. The 159th Brigade entered TECKLENBURG W0502 but were forced out of the town by a counterattack. Front line change: W1508 - W1812.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th and 157th Bdes atchd). The 157th Brigade reverted to command of the 52d Division. Units of the division crossed the EMS River in RHEINE V7909 where heavy opposition was met. Fighting continued in the town. The 131st Brigade assembled in the vicinity of V8904. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). Advanced two miles on a one-mile front against light resistance. The division then commenced to regroup. Front line change: V6301 - V6101 - V6099. 52d Division. (Less 157th Bde). The 155th Brigade was attached to the 7th Armored Division and the 157th Brigade reverted to division command from the 7th Armored Division. The division closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of A5592.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Advanced three miles on an eleven-mile front. Heavy resistance was met in the vicinity of GILDEHAUS V5710. The 32d Guards Brigade captured NORDHORN V5126 and secured a crossing over the SUD NORD KANAAL in the vicinity of V5428. Front line change: GILDEHAUS V5710 - NORDHORN V5426 - SUD NORD KANAAL V5428. 3d British Division. Followed the advance of the Guards Armored Division. The 9th Brigade assembled in the vicinity of GROENLO A2383. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). 129th Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of A1990. 8th Armored Brigade attempted to cross the TWENTHE Canal in the vicinity of V2706 but was unable to do so owing to heavy machine gun fire. 8th Armored Brigade was attached to the 43d Division.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Relieved the 214th Brigade and 129th Brigade, both of the 43d Division. 2d Canadian Division. Advanced up to three miles against light resistance. Front line change: A0296 - E9786. 3d Canadian Division. Gained five miles on a seven-mile front against decreasing resistance. On the right, the 8th Brigade crossed the OUDE IJssel River in the vicinity of E9479 against no opposition. Front line change: E9479 - E9178 - E9173 - E8872 - E8571.

I Canadian Corps. 49th Division. Advanced two and one-half miles against light resistance. HUISSEN E7673 was captured. Front line change: E8069 - HUISSEN E7673 - E7573. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Advanced to the line of the NEDER RHINE River along the line E8069 - E7568.

I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (2 April). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 708 heavy bombers against 6 airfields in DENMARK. All forces abandoned operations due to adverse weather conditions. 618 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber forces. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 146 sorties. 1 aircraft was lost. Claims included 3 enemy aircraft and 56 motor transport.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light to moderate rain at dawn, becoming scattered showers during the day. Clouds: Broken to overcast. Visibility: 1 to 2 miles at dawn, becoming more than 6 miles by 1000B, but limited to 1 mile in rain. Wind: 8 mph, west. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 58° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Army Troops. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. Mopped up pockets of enemy resistance in the vicinity of M9288. 26th Division. Continued mopping up in the vicinity of FULDA H3718 and made a slight advance. Front line change: H4119. 11th Armored Division. Advanced three miles east and six miles southeast. Constructed a bridge at WASTUNGEN H8632 and captured a bridge intact at RITSCHENHAUSEN H9115 over the WERRA River. Front

line change: H9117 - H8732. 4th Armored Division. (With the 359th Inf atchd). Advanced three miles northeast on a three-mile front. Front line change: H7870 - H7973 - H7675.

XX Corps. 65th Division. (Less the 261st Inf). Advanced up to nine miles northeast and entered SONTRA H5476. Front line change: H4972 - SONTRA H5476. 6th Armored Division. (With 261st Inf atchd). Advanced twelve miles northeast on a ten-mile front and captured a bridge intact over the WEHRE River in the vicinity of H5785. Front line change: R5885 - H5298 - H3890 - H3594. 80th Division. Continued fighting in the southern outskirts of KASSEL C2203 and advanced up to three miles east against strong resistance. Front line change: H2895 - H2797 - C1902 - H1799. 5th Division. Continued mopping up pockets of enemy resistance in the vicinity of FRANKFURT M6769.

VIII Corps. 76th Division. Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of HOMBERG H1771. 89th Division. Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of RABOLDSHAUSEN H2658. 6th Cavalry Group. Passed to the operational control of XX Corps and relieved elements of the 3d Cavalry Group in the vicinity of H4260 - H4465. Front line change: H4465.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With 38th Inf atchd). Continued mopping up operations and aggressive patrolling to the east. Repulsed four counterattacks. 2d Division. (Less 38th Inf). Continued to clear scattered resistance pockets. 1st Battalion, 23d Infantry relieved elements of 9th Armored Division at B9126 and was attached to that division. 69th Division. Moving to positions east of EDER STAUSEE G9189. 102d Cavalry Group. Continued its security mission and mopped up resistance.

VII Corps. 104th Division. (Less 414th Inf and with CCA 7th Armd Div and 4th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced west up to five miles under heavy fire of all types. Combat Command "A" 7th Armored Division, placed in division reserve. 4th Cavalry Group was attached at O11600A and advanced three miles west under heavy fire. Front line change: B5812 - B5311 - B5409 - B5707. 1st Division. Continued to block escape routes. Cleared OSTEREIDEN B4830 and KELLINGHAUSEN B4927. Front line change: B4934 - B4730 - B4927 - B5024. 9th Division. Continued the attack and advanced up to seven miles against gradually decreasing resistance. Cleared WINTERBERG G5588. Driven from NEU ASTENBERG G5285 but later recaptured the town. Front line change: G5290 - G4787 - G4683 - G4882 - G4573 - G4070 - G3969 - G4562.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Captured SIEGEN G2053 after heavy fighting. Took 1,110 prisoners.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" was attached to 104th Division (VII Corps) at O21700B. Continued mopping up scattered resistance and regrouping. 99th Division and 14th Cavalry Group. Mopped up scattered resistance.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 66th Division. Continued aggressive patrolling. Hostile artillery fire is increasing. 106th Division. (With 3d and 159th RCTs atchd). Continued to move to assembly area in the vicinity of RENNES Y0153. 82d Airborne Division. Continued to move to MODRATH F2855. 101st Airborne Division. Enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of ERKELENZ F0076. 16th Armored Division. No change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 109th Infantry. No change. 94th Division. 302d Infantry relieved 407th Infantry (102d Div) at O22325B. 97th Division. Reconnaissance patrols crossed the RHINE River. 303d Infantry enroute to assembly area in the vicinity of UCKERATH F7436. 20th Armored Division. Commenced closing in the vicinity of UBACH K8659.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to O22400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	67,581	275,977	35,341	9,399	388,298
Non-battle					287,097
Total Casualties					675,395

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group	
Seventh Army	DAIRMS TADT M6541
VI Corps	R5997
II French Corps	SPEYER R5180
4th Division	N1810
42d Division	N0725
63d Division	HEIDELBERG R6990
100th Division	R6194
3d Algerian Division	SPEYER R5180

21 Army Group	
21 Army Group Tac	A7473
XIII Corps	A4459
XIX Corps	P4756
XII British Corps	A6699
30th Division	A9956
3d British Division	V4001
52d British Division	A5692
2d Canadian Division	A0388
3d Canadian Division	E9565
5th Armored Division	A8962
7th British Armored Division	V7201
11th British Armored Division	W0204
4th Canadian Armored Division	A1794
Guards Armored Division	V4407
6th British Airborne Division	A9488

12th Army Group	
12th Army Group Tac	LUXEMBOURG P8313
Third Army Tac	M6774
XVIII Airborne Corps	DILLENBURG G3937
9th Division	HALLENBURG G6279
65th Division	ERSRODE H3065
69th Division	NAUMBURG H0095
4th Armored Division	NESSILRODEN H6672
6th Armored Division	FRIEMEN H4882
9th Armored Division	WARBURG B9822
11th Armored Division	UNTERWEID H6126

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